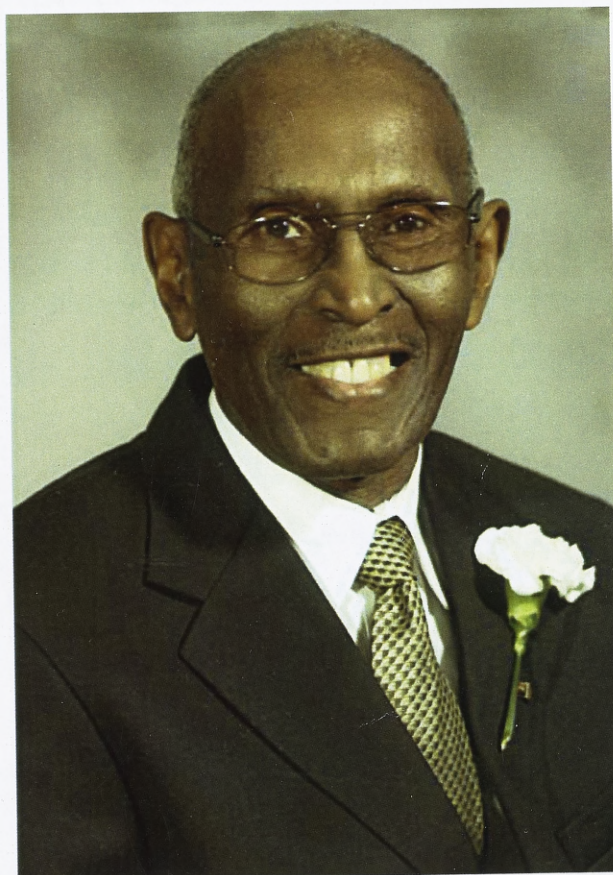
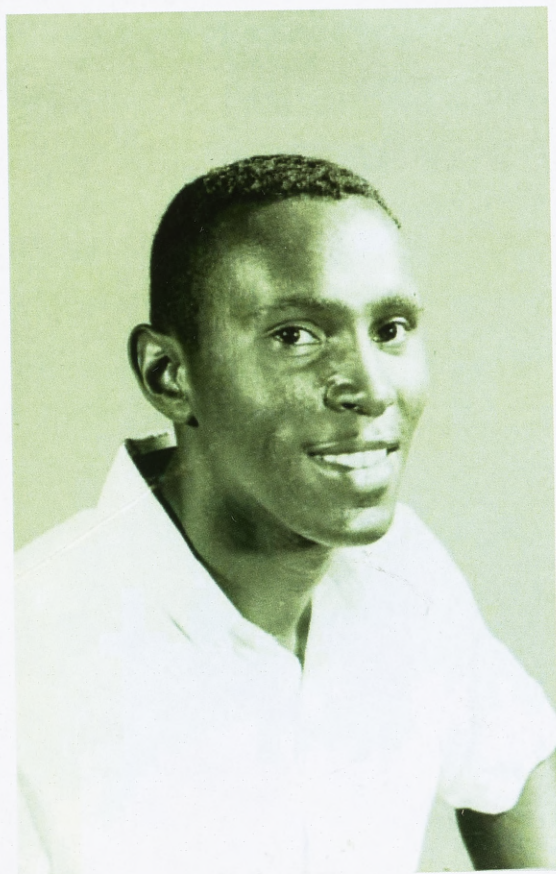


MEMORIAL SERVICE
CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF
Deacon Phillip "Shaka" Clifton, III



Sunrise
August 22, 1939
Sulphur, Louisiana

Sunset
November 1, 2010
Oakland, CA

Service Held

Saturday, December 4, 2010 - 12:00 P.M.

CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES
4499 Piedmont Avenue
Oakland, California

Reverend Doctor J. Alfred Smith Jr.
Senior Pastor
Allen Temple Baptist Church
Eulogist

Remembering Deacon Phillip "Shaka" Clifton, III

Deacon Phillip "Shaka" Clifton, III was born August 21, 1939, in Sulphur, Louisiana to proud parents, Merry and Phillip Clifton, II.

When he was about three or four, he moved with his family to Richmond, California. He attended grammar school, Portola Junior High and in 1957, graduated from El Cerrito High School. From 1957 to 1959, he attended and graduated with an A.A. degree from Contra Costa College. He went on to graduate from San Jose State University in 1963 with a Bachelor of Administration degree.

Phillip was a faithful member of the Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend J.H. Wilson, Pastor, Richmond.

In college, Phillip was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity (the first African American Fraternity). In 1964, he was awarded the title "Alpha Kappa Alpha Bachelor of the Year" from the sister sorority. Later, he served as Dean of Pledges as well as Chapter President in the Delta Omgron fraternity, San Jose State University.

He was drafted into the National Football League by the Pittsburgh Steelers where he served until he was called to the United States Marine Corp. He served as a Corporal at the Headquarters Division, in administration and Supplies until 1967.

Upon his return to civilian life, he enrolled at the University of Berkeley for further education. In 1992, he moved to Saint Mary's College where he graduated with a Masters degree in Administration, in 1994. That was quite a banner year for Phillip as he was also ordained as a Deacon at the Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland.

Deacon Clifton left Oakland in 1994 (to return later) for Norwalk, California to serve as Dean of Physical Health Education, Recreation & Intercollegiate Athletics at Cerritos Community College and Director of Christian Education at the Baptist Church of the New Covenant.

Deacon Clifton was quite the warrior and possibly why he was known as "Shaka". to name a few of his accomplishments, beginning with his professional:

- Washington Manor Junior High School Head Basketball/Track
- El Cerrito High School Assistant Football and Track Coach
- Contra Costa Community College Head Track and Assistant Football Coach & Dept. Chairman
- Division Chairman, Director of Athletics, Commission on Athletics
- State Representative, President Northern California Track Coaches Association
- Cerritos Community College, Dean of Physical, Health Education, Recreation & Intercollegiate Athletics
- Coach of the Year, California State Intercollegiate Track and Field

His Organizational Affiliations were:

- Commission On Athletics, California Intercollegiate Athletics
- California Community College Athletic Administrators Association
- California Secondary School Administrators Association
- California Track and Field Coaches Association
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Deacon Clifton was bless to have lived the life many of us dream about. On December 30, 1978, he married the beautiful Joyce Francine Scales. They became a perfect, blended family as he brought a daughter, Cynthia Clifton and Joyce brought a son, Le'Jean Bazile. Three years later, October 24, 1981, a new bundle of joy arrived, who they named Simonia, making this family complete.

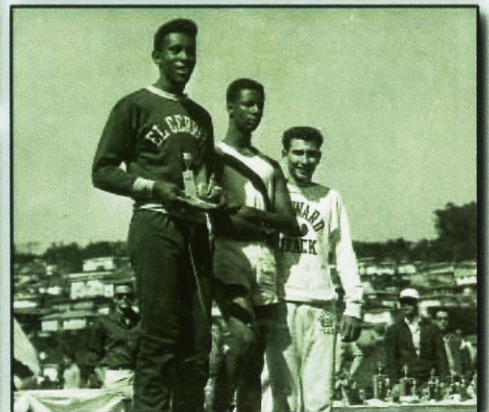
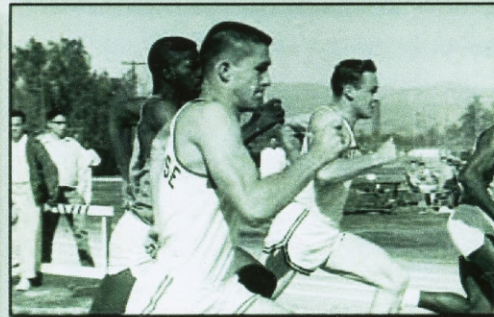
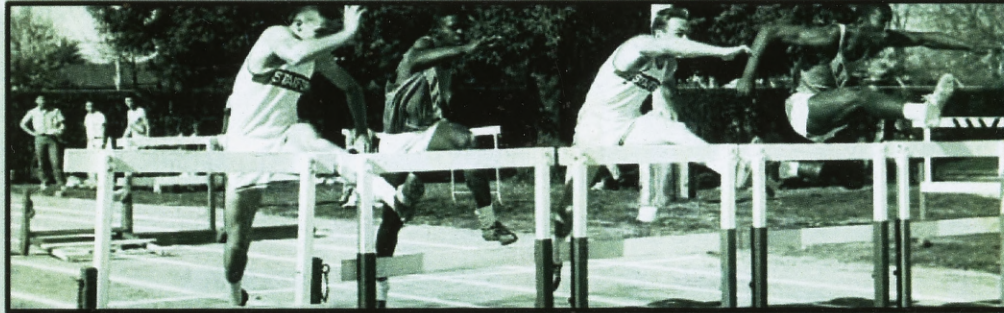
On July 21, 1985, The entire Clifton family joined Allen Temple Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Doctor J. Alfred Smith, Senior. Sometime later, Deacon Clifton joined the Male Chorus as well. He served both organizations faithfully until his illness.

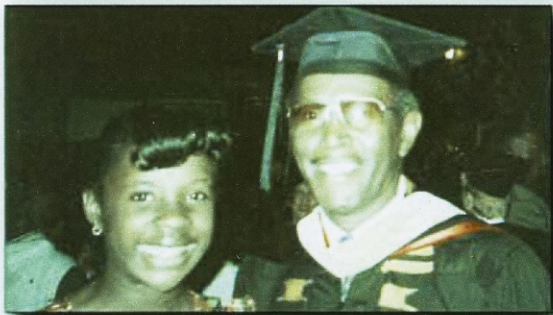
Deacon Clifton was a man of all seasons. There wasn't anything he put his mind to that he did not master. First and foremost, his family was his top priority, and he enjoyed spending time with them. He was an avid photographer, excelled in water skiing and sketching cartoons. His favorite way of passing time was cooking for family and friends. He loved woodcarving, and there are many beautiful pieces that showcases his skill. He was a world traveler. He most enjoyed visiting South Africa in 2008. He brought back many beautiful memories and artifacts.

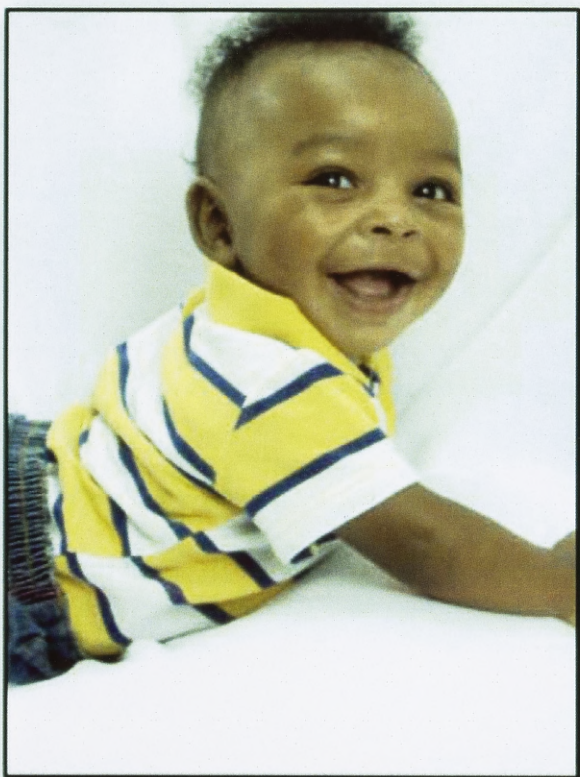
Family members who preceded him in death were his parents, Merry and Phillip Clifton, II; brothers, Lynwood and William Clifton.

He leaves to cherish his beautiful memories, his loving wife Joyce; daughters; Cynthia and Simonia'; son, Le'Jean Bazile; sisters, Claudette Davis, Delores Moore and Maxine Clifton; grandchildren, Alexia Clifton, Ashley Bazile, Austin Cable, Taylor Bazile, Kameron and Riley Bazile, Cannon Clifton Coleman, and a host of other family members and friends.









Order Of Service

Organ Consolation..... Michael Hill

Processional..... Ministers, Family and Friends
(Instrumental during processional "Amazing Grace".....Michael Hill)

African Drums Rufaki

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Isaiah 40:28-31 Reverend Patricia Gardiner

New Testament - Roman 12:1-3 Reverend Olu Bereola

Prayer Reverend Adumasaa Adeyemi
Chaplin, Kaiser Hospital, Oakland

Solo Theopolis Crump
"He's Concerned"

Expressions..... (2 Minutes each only please)

Jim Flemings, Childhood Friend
Steve Greer, Work Assistant and Dear Friend
DeLouis Knox, Childhood Friend
John Wade, Athletic Director, Contra Costa College
Le'Jean Bazile, Son

Solo Carolyn Anderson
"Going Up Yonder"

Acknowledgement, Resolutions and Special Presentations Carolyn Anderson
Deacon Denise Smith
Mary Turner White

Remembering Our Beloved (Read Silently)

Solo Michael Hill
"I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"

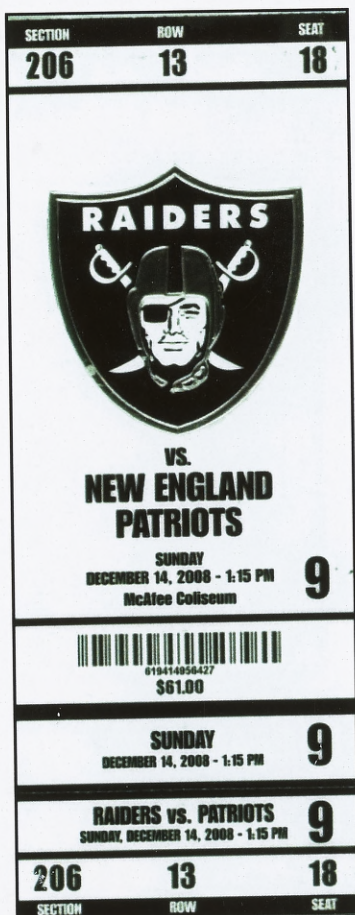
Eulogy and Closing Prayer Reverend Doctor J. Alfred Smith, Jr.
Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland

Recessional Minister Vickia Brinkley
"Thank You"

Military Tribute United States Marine Corps.

Releasing of the Doves The Family

Reverend Doctor Harold Orr, M.D., Officiating



Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Crittenden
 Jim Flemings
 Steve Greer
 Deacon Michael Hill
 DeLouis Knox

Allen Temple Male Chorus
 Allen Temple Deacon Board

Poem

There comes a time for all of us when we must say good bye.
 But memories of those we love live on and never die.
 Although the curtain falls at last, is that a cause to grieve?
 The future life is brighter still if we only believe.
 So, trust in God's eternal care and when the Master calls
 We know a fairer world beyond
 Although the curtain falls.

Acknowledgment

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service of celebration. We especially thank Reverend Adumasaa Aadeyemi, Chaplin, for his kindness, diligence and loving care during our stay in the hospital and for all of you who took the time to visit. Thank you also to the entire staff of Kaiser Hospital. May God bless all of you.

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